

## **MEDICAL CONTROL GUIDELINE: HYPOGLYCEMIA**

### **PRINCIPLES:**

1. Hypoglycemia is generally defined as a blood glucose level less than 60mg/dL.
2. Hypoglycemia should be suspected in any patient with behavioral changes or altered level of consciousness.
3. Hypoglycemia should be considered in any diabetic patient with an acute medical complaint.
4. Hypoglycemia is a true medical emergency that requires the prompt administration of glucose or glucagon to prevent brain damage or death.

### **GUIDELINE:**

1. Perform a blood glucose test and document results on any patient with suspected hypoglycemia.